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SUBJECT: SYRIA-LEBANESE TRAVEL

REF: A. STATE 212748; B. DAMASCUS 5664 (NOTAL)

REGULAR BUS SERVICE BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND JUNIYAH IS PROVIDED BY LOCAL FIRM CALLED BEIRUT DISPATCHING OFFICE. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FIRM PROVIDED EMBASSY, BUS DEPARTS DAMASCUS DAILY BETWEEN 0800-0900 AND TRAVELS DIRECT, NON-STOP TO JUNIYAH. TRIP LASTS ABOUT FIVE HOURS. (NOTE: TRAVEL TIME MAY VARY ACCORDING TO AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT CLEARING SYRIAN-LEBANESE BORDER CHECKPOINTS.) BUS RETURNS TO DAMASCUS SAME DAY. COST PER PASSENGER FOR ONE-WAY TRAVEL IS 100 L.S. (\$26.00) RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE MORNINGS BETWEEN 0500 AND 1000. WE TOLD THAT ARRANGING SEATS IS NO PROBLEM. ROAD IS CONSIDERED SECURE ALL THE WAY INTO JUNIYAH. MURPHY

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